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U.S. ambassador attends Ernie Pyle birthday celebration

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Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Combat correspondent Ernie Pyle landed with the Army during the Battle of Okinawa. Two days after arriving on the small island of Ie Shima, Pyle lost his life to a sniper's bullet.

Saturday, U.S. Ambassador to Japan, Thomas Foley, joined Brig. Gen. Timothy Donovan, deputy commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force, and members of the American Legion Post 28 gathered on Ie Shima to celebrate Pyle's 100th birthday and unveil a plaque in Pyle's honor.

The plaque bears a pledge from the people of Ie Village to strive for a "peaceful world."

Born Aug. 3, 1900, Pyle grew to become the most popular war correspondent among both fighting men and civilians back in America during World War II. A monument erected at the site of his death is inscribed with, "At this spot, the 77th Infantry Division lost a buddy." The monument still stands today on the island of Ie Shima.

The birthday celebration included a parade from Ie Port to the Ernie Pyle Memorial. The III MEF band led the parade that featured a platoon of representatives from the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Navy. The president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter on Okinawa, Larry Henry and the Mayor of Ie Son, Seitoku Shimabukuro, gave speeches to the crowd.

"The birthday commemoration went very well, "said Capt. Andrew L. Lockett, officer-in-charge, Operations Support Detachment, Ie Shima. "The Mayor was very pleased with how the event turned out. Plus, the celebration gave many people the opportunity to see Ie Shima first-hand and experience the friendship and hospitality of the town."



LANCE CPL. CARL F. SCHNAUFER

Brig. Gen. Timothy Donovan places flowers at the Ernie Pyle memorial on le Shima.

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GT. JASON M. CARTER

President Clinton visits Camp Foster

The highlight of the G-8 Summit for service members, family members and civilian employees was a visit to Camp Foster by President Bill Clinton.

The President addressed a crowd of approximately 10,000 people at the parade field here just past 11:00 p.m. Saturday. He came to the base with his daughter, Chelsea, after a Summit banquet. The President was originally scheduled to visit here Sunday, but his schedule was changed because he wanted to return early to the ongoing Mideast peace talks at Camp David

During the President's visit he presented the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit with a Meritorious Unit Citation. The Kyushu-Okinawa G-8 Summit came to a successful close Sunday. Over the course of the Summit, III MEF came through in traditional Marine Corps style.

"I want to thank all the Marines and Sailors of III MEF for their hard work and dedication to duty which helped make the Kyushu-Okinawa G-8 Summit a success for the Okinawa people," said Lt.Gen. Earl B. Hailston, commanding general, III MEF. "III MEF performed superbly, I couldn't be more pleased. We showed the world just what III MEF is all about, professionalism and esprit de corps."

For more photos and stories about the Summit and President Clinton's visit, see pages 8, 13, and 14.

Effective immediately, the following changes apply to the III MEF/MCBJ liberty policy:

- a. Off-base liberty for all service members will secure every day at 2400. This order does not limit on-base liberty hours.
- b. Commanders will determine when off-base liberty resumes; however, off-base liberty may not resume before 0500.
- c. Service members who are on MCCS shuttle buses or other military transportation before liberty
- secures will be in compliance with this order.
- d. Service members who reside off base are authorized on-base liberty. When traveling directly from the on-base liberty location to their personal residence, they will be considered in compliance with this order.
- e. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited after 2400. MCCS club hours will be as advertised, but alcohol sales will stop at 2400.

Off-base liberty and alcohol consumption will expire at 2400 until further notice

News

Some active duty troops cleared for laser eye surgery

Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With only a few exceptions, active duty soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines are allowed to have their vision corrected with laser eye surgery and not worry about it affecting their careers.

Service officials have been studying photorefractive keratectomy, or PRK, and laser in-situ keratomileusis, commonly called LASIK, the two most common procedures, almost since their outset and are convinced they're safe for military members in most career fields.

PRK corrects vision by using a laser to remove surface corneal tissue. In LASIK, the surgeon cuts a flap in the cornea, flips it aside, removes corneal tissue with a laser, and flips the corneal flap back into place.

Members need to be evaluated by a medical board after receiving the now-rareradial keratotomy, RK, the first common vision-correction surgical procedure. RK involved shaping the cornea with spoke-like scalpel cuts that, service medical officials insisted, weakened the eye structure and put members at risk in military operating environments.

Service officials outlined the restrictions on their active duty members. Current Air Force rules prohibit aviators and "special duty" personnel - pilots, flight surgeons and engineers, pararescue and air traffic controllers, for example — from receiving any type of laser eye surgery, according to Dr. (Col.) Arleen Saenger, the service's chief of physical standards. Air Force officials, however, are coordinating a waiver policy that would allow aviation and special duty personnel, including limited numbers of pilots to obtain PRK — but not LASIK. Saenger said the policy change approval is expected soon.

She said the Air Force doesn't prohibit other personnel from receiving refractive surgery, but it considers both PRK and LASIK to be elective surgery that neither it nor TRICARE covers. Airmen seeking either procedure



must be on leave, and they must notify and be counseled by the TRICARE benefits adviser at their nearest military medical treatment facility within three days of surgery, she added.

Navy policy disqualifies its aviators from flying duty if they have either procedure, Capt. Charles Barker said. Barker is the director of aerospace medicine for the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery here.

"If they go out and get this on their own, don't tell anybody and get caught, they're not physically qualified and they would have to be reassigned to some other general duty to finish their obligation," he said.

Barker said Navy policy may be affected, however, by two ongoing studies into the effects of laser eye surgery on aviators. Navy pilots enrolled in these studies can receive a waiver to remain on flying status.

Navy SEALs and divers can receive PRK, but not

LASIK. "LASIK continues to be disqualifying with no waiver recommended for SEALs and divers," he said.

Sailors and Marines are required to have their commander's approval before having either procedure done, and they must be cleared by service medical personnel before returning to duty, Barker said. Complete information concerning the Navy Department policy on corrective eye surgery is available on the Internet at www.navymedicine.med.navy.mil/PRK/refractive_ surgery_information.htm. Information can also be obtained at the Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan website: www.oki.med.navy.mil.

Army aviators will flunk their flight physicals if they have PRK and LASIK, but the Army is different from the other services in that it's providing PRK free to certain soldiers, said Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) Vernon Parmley, director of the Cornea Service at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

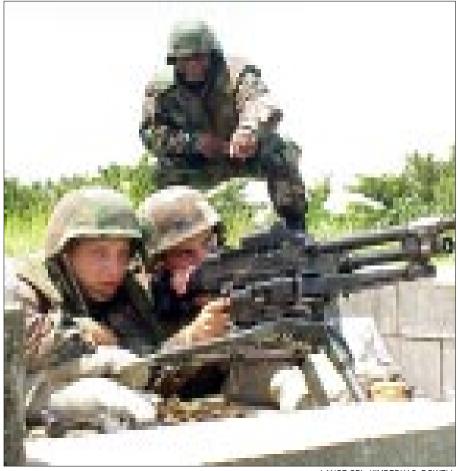
Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C., has been performing free PRK laser eye surgery on active duty soldiers since June 1. The highest priority there goes to Special Forces soldiers, Rangers and soldiers in some frequently deployed units.

Army medical officials say the service plans to offer the procedure at four more centers by mid-2001. More information on the Army policy concerning laser vision correction is available at http://www.armymedicine. army.mil/armymed/default2.htm.

Officials from all the services stressed the importance of research before having any elective procedure. "This is surgery on your eyes," said Saenger. All surgery carries inherent risks, she said, and that fact is unfortunately downplayed or ignored in PRK and LASIK ads.

"Don't rely on any one person, any one Web site, any one source to give you the entire story about the risks and the benefits," Saenger said. "People really, need to make an informed decision. It's not like glasses or contacts that you can change if they're not quite right."

Sergeants' Course introduces different weapons into training



LANCE CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

(above) Staff Sgt. Robert Jones, instructor, Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Academy, observes two students preparing to fire the M240G. (right) Staff Sgt. Terry W. Ball, instructor, Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Academy, watches two sergeants as they fire the M240G.

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Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — The Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Academy here, recently added M240G Medium Machine Guns and M249 Squad Automatic Weapons live-fire to the Sergeants' Course cur-

The members of Sergeants' Course 5-00 were the first students on Okinawa to have the chance to fire the guns.

"This re-familiarizes us with the weapons," said Sgt. Rich Roberson, weather observer, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battalion, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. "I'd guess over half of us haven't fired these weapons since Marine Combat Training. This is hands-on. It reminds us of what we need to know for combat. Plus, coming from the Wing, this gets me to the other side, the green side of the house."

Requests made by sergeants from past courses, brought about the addition of the M240G and M249 SAW live-fire training, according to Gunnery Sgt. Robert Hightower, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Sergeants' Course in Okinawa, SNCO Academy, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Camp Hansen.

In the future, the school will add the MK19 40mm Machine gun and the M2 50caliber Machine Gun, according to Hightower.



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FOD cover completed

Marines recently completed a project June 19 to expand the Foreign Object Damage cover, used to reduce the amount of debris that might cause damage to planes, on the vertical short take-off and landing facility on le Shima.

The project began May 15 when 78 Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 laid 350 feet of concrete drainage system and 140,000 square feet of AM-2 aluminum matting. Marines in the squadron from the Expeditionary Airfield, Drafting and Survey, Heavy Equipment, Motor Transport, Utilities, and Construction and Embarkation sections joined forces to help complete the expansion.

"It was a tremendous training evolution for Marines who, in most cases, were straight out of their specialty schools, enabling them to get hands-on time and perform tasks that most don't get the opportunity to experience," said Chief Warrant Officer Greg A. Lopez, officer in charge, expeditionary airfield, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Construction scheduled through summer 2001

Sgt. Jennifer A. Wolf

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — The current construction of new or upgraded facilities here is scheduled to continue until the summer of 2001, according to Navy Lt. William B. Seguine, program officer, Japan Facilities Improvement, Public Works Planning Section, Public Works Office, Facilities Engineers Division, Marine Corps Base.

Currently, there are 13 active construction projects on Foster ranging from organizational buildings to community facilities. During the next five years, 65 more facilities are scheduled for completion, according to

Some of the active projects include two family hous-

ing towers, a new Kuwae Lodge, counseling center, community center, auto hobby shop and furniture mart. The cost for this work was estimated between \$50 and \$75 million, according to Seguine.

"The towers cost about \$35 million alone," said Seguine.

The entire project is funded by the Government of Japan as part of an agreement made with the United States. It's a way for the GOJ to share the cost of stationing troops here, said Seguine.

Other projects planned for the upcoming years are an underpass to connect Camp Foster's satellite camps to the main camp, upgrades to Gunner's Gym, and relocating the U.S. Naval Hospital from Camp Lester to Camp Foster.

CMC makes changes to reading list

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Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James L. Jones, recently issued changes to the Commandant's Reading List, including changing its name to the U.S. Marine Reading List.

The name change and the renaming of the reading program as the U.S. Marine Reading List are intended to give Marines a stronger sense of "personal ownership".

The Commandant's Choice has been replaced by the Commandant's Favorite. The ten books falling under this category are divided into two sections. The Commandant describes the first five as "the bedrock foundation" of his thoughts and the second five as "current favorites." Among his favorites are A Bright Shining Lie, Gods of War, The Forgotten Soldier, Blackhawk Down, and My American Journey.

According to the Commandant's message, the overall reading list names classics "to be read by all Marines as they serve our nation." The books are selected through recommendations made by the Marine Reading Board at the Marine Corps University.

Another change included in the message is the removal of different reading selections based grade.

"Reading is both our link to the past and the key to our future."

Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

"I want Marines to freely read selections from the entire list based on their own personal interests and local commanders' guidance," the Commandant stated in the message

In revamping the list, some titles are no longer suggested reading while several were added in their places.

Along with the changes, he encouraged Marines to read as much as they physically train and to "make nominations of books they've read" by sending suggestions to the Marine Corps University president in writing to 2076 South Street, Quantico, VA 22134. Nominations can also be made through the reading programs website at www.mcu.usmc.mil/reading/readinglist.htm.

"Reading is both our link to the past and the key to our future," the Commandant stated. "I encourage all Marines to continue their search for knowledge. Actively use your time in service to prepare yourselves not only for your next battle, but for the rest of your lives."

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provides financial, non-financial assistance

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Assisting active duty and retired Marines, Sailors and their spouses in achieving fiscal independence and providing help during financial emergencies is the mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

The NMCRS here provides numerous non-financial and financial services, according to Lillian Armstrong, chairman of volunteers, NMCRS.

The non-financial services include budget counseling, assistance with reading a Leave and Earnings Statement and classes on budgeting for upcoming babies.

"We talk to them one-on-one and explain what they are earning and how they are spending it," said Armstrong, "When you put it on paper you get a better idea of where the money is going.

Layettes, which consist of baby blankets, baby clothes, crib sheets

and a guide book for new parents, are another service offered by NMCRS. Volunteers help assemble and make a baby afghan or quilt for each layette, according Armstrong.

Financial services offered by NMCRS include loans to help service members pay for traveling home during a family emergency,

emergency vehicle repairs, funeral expenses, dental treatment costs and the loans. The majority of the money used

Spouse Tuition Assistance Program. These situations are handled on a caseby-case basis, according to

> All active duty and retired Marines, Sailors and their spouses, are eligible to use NMCRS regard-

> > less of rank. year Last NMCRS provided \$43.1 million in direct financial assistance for 57,854 cases. Of the \$43.1

million offered in direct financial assistance, \$34.2 million of that

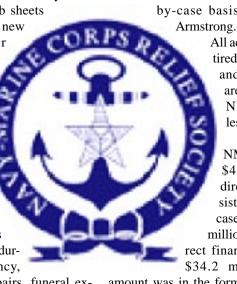
amount was in the form of interest free

for that financial assistance came from donations by Marines and Sailors.

With 261 paid employees, NCMRS keeps its overhead costs down by primarily staffing their facilities with 3,000 volunteers, 500 of which are shipboard, according to Armstrong.

Because the summer months are traditionally the rotation season for military members, NMCRS loses many of its volunteer staff. Currently, NMCRS is looking for individuals interested in making a difference, according to Armstrong.

Individuals interested in volunteer opportunities or need assistance can walk into the nearest NMCRS office. Hours of operation for NMCRS are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for non-emergency situations and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for emergency cases. Information on NMCRS programs and services can be found by calling 645-7808/2357.





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Bellies and bedtimes extended during President's visit

Gabby Graziani, 8, and her friend, Ashley Davis, 8, enjoy the barbecue treats at Saturday's Presidential barbecue. The late arrival of President Bill Clinton not only inspired the evening barbecue, but also extended the bedtimes of many children attending the event with their parents. The two girls said the chance to see President Clinton in person was exciting.

Community Briefs

Marine Corps Base Commanding General's Change of Command

The Change of Command ceremony for Marine Corps Base commanding general, Brig. Gen. Gary H. Hughey, is scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. today at the parade field on Camp Foster.

The uniform for the ceremony will be utilities and a reception will follow at Chesty's Staff Noncommissioned Officer Club.

MMEA Retention Assist Team

The MMEA Retention Assist Team is scheduled to visit Okinawa Aug. 7-11. The purpose of the visit is to grant on the spot reenlistment authorities for Marines in the following Catagories:

- Remaining first term Marines for fiscal year 2000.
- First term Marines for fiscal year 2001 with an End of Active-duty Service date of Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 2000.
- Fiscal Year 2001 Marines who desire to reenlist for a boatspace in an open military occupational specialty from the fiscal year 2000 FTAP.

The schedule for the visit is as follows:

Aug. 7 Hansen Theater 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Aug. 8 Scwab Theater 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Aug. 9 Foster Theater 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Aug. 10 Futenma Theater 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Aug. 11 Kinser Theater 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

This is an opportunity for interested Marines to reenlist, receive a bonus if available and possible choice of duty station.

For more information Contact your unit's Career Plan-

USO hosts beach volleyball

Military personnel and families are invited to enter the United Service Organizations/AT&T 3-on-3 Volleyball Challenge Saturday at Camp Schwab's Oura Wan Beach from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event will offer free food, DJ music, prizes for first, second and third place volleyball winners plus other prize giveaways. Registration will take place the day of the event.

For more information, contact the USO Marketing Department at 633-4510.

Lester Chapel Gospel Service

The Camp Lester Gospel Service will be hosting a community revival called "It's Time to Come Home."

The revival is scheduled to take place at the Camp Lester Chapel Aug. 4-6, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon on Sunday. Guest speakers will talk to the congregation on Friday and Saturday.

For more infromation, contact Master Sgt. J.W. King at 622-6822.

Marine Corps Base soccer team

A Marine Corps Base soccer team is presently organizing for future tournaments including the Regional tournament scheduled for September.

For more information and a practice schedule, contact Lance Cpl. Pantelakis at pantelakisma@ mcbbutler.usmc.mil or 645-4145, or contact Cpl. Barnes at 645-9306.

Health Care Information Line

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are encouraged to use the Health Care Information Line whenever they are in need of medical advice. The HCIL nurse will advise you on self-treatment or encourage you to contact your Primary Care Provider.

The HCIL can be accessed by calling 005-3111-4621. The call is free.

For more information, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 643-7539/7379.

DRMO changes Saturday sales

Starting in August DRMO is scheduled to hold their Cash and Carry Retail Sale every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m., along with the 1st Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Saturday sales may change due to

holidays and is located at Building 600 on Camp Kinser.

Sales are open to SOFA personnel and items must be purchased for personal use only. Payment must be made in U.S. dollars, cash only.

For more information, call 637-4323/3707 during duty hours.

Kadena Bodybuilding

The 8th Annual Kadena Bodybuilding Competition will be held Aug. 5 at the Keystone Theater.

The show is open to all. Weigh-ins are at 7 a.m. in the Keystone Theater Lobby. There is a \$15 fee for participants. Prejudging begins at 9 a.m. and the final is at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Risner Fitness Center at 634-4443.

Policy on medical treatment for visiting relatives

Stateside visiting family members can only receive emergency medical treatment for life threatening injuries at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester. After the patient's condition has stabilized, the patient will be transferred to a civilian medical facility. The hospital does charge a flat rate for services as Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Defense Title 10, United States Code, section 1095 directs. Non-emergency medical problems can be taken to a Japanese medical facility where payment must be made in yen.

MOM's Crisis Care Center

Maternal Outreach Ministries Crisis Care Center provides free and confidential services including pregnancy tests, counseling, baby formula and more.

MOM's Crisis Care Center is a nonprofit organization with a 24 hour Heartline at 633-6464.

Want to get promoted?

You could help recruit future Marines for your Corps and accumulate points for promotion. 4th Marine Corps District is taking requests for Permissive TAD to help with recruiting. If you are from the 4th district which includes Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Southern Indiana, and South Western Michigan, contact 4th MCD.

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email: brackmanam@4mcd.usmc.mil



To submit a brief ...

The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only. Briefs are run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit to fit space. Submit briefs by faxing to 645-3803, or send an e-mail to garciant@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

Drunkeness

Choices we make in life have consequences, repercussions

the human race, nor alienate so much property, as drunkenness." -Bacon

We drink and we drink a lot. Or as one guy put it, "if we's drinks enough we never stop."

As Americans, Marines, and Sailors, alcohol plays a big part in all our lives. Even If we don't drink, someone

Everyone has their own outlook on alcohol, here are

- · The abolitionist who's against all drinking.
- · The social drinker who uses alcohol as a tool to achieve a goal.
- The traditionalists who drink to preserve traditions (balls, religion, and so on).
- The Pavlov drinker who's been conditioned to drink.
- The peer pressure drinker who's too weak to say no.
- The alcoholic who drinks to hide from life.
- · The genetically addicted.
- The "I don't drink but it's okay if you do" let me pour you another "pusher".
- The supplier who needs others to drink to make

You can probably add several other outlooks, try it at your next party for kicks.

However, regardless of why you do or do not drink, there are some historically reoccurring outcomes of drinking that are undeniable yet often blatantly forgotten. Let's look at some statistics for just one year in the USA from

"All the armies on earth do not destroy so many of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol-

But how is drinking effecting us every day on Island? Between January 1999- March 2000 there were 674 reported alcohol related incidents, 408 on base. These included affrays, assaults, DWI/DUI, underage drinking, attempted suicides and drunk & disorderly

The key word is reported incidents.

How many do you think went unreported? Should I drink?

Should I condemn others who do?

Those aren't the right questions. The question must be, do the drinking habits and rituals of our lives support the ongoing damage of others? As a discerning man once advised, "be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak . . . so that [you] will not cause [them] to

Too many of our Marines, Sailors, and their families are being hurt because of how we view and choose to use alcohol; lives are being destroyed, careers are being damaged, and families are being ravaged for generations. Are our alcohol-laced traditions and personal drinking habits worth the cost?

Think About It! Then Act!

Chaplain Stephen M. Lee III Marine Headquarters Group

1992 Economic Cost to Society because of Alcohol Abuse

- Health Care \$18.8 Billion
- Special Services (detoxification, Rehab, Prevention Training, Research) \$5.6 Billion
- Alcohol Related Deaths 107,400 Persons
- Losses in potential productivity \$6.7 Billion
- Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Crashes \$24.7 Billion
- Alcohol Related Crime (25 to 30 % of violent Crime) \$19.7 Billion
- Criminal Justice System Alcohol RelatedCosts \$6.2 Billion

The total cost was \$148 billion. (The 1992 amounts shown were estimated to have increased 12.5% by 1995, this is now 2001.)

Camp Foster's shuttle bus system loses vehicle

The shuttle system on Camp Foster has been operating for about two months with few people using it.

Because no one is using the bus, the shuttle system faces the possibility of being shut down soon.

Approximately 25 Marines and civilians ride each day for both the A and B Shuttle combined. With the low number of passengers, the A Shuttle is the only one running right now, according to Sergeant Maj. Hermon Raybon, sergeant major, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, who helped coordinate the bus shuttle with

the Single Marine Program.



"The majority of people that use the bus shuttle are family members that stay at the West Pac Inn," said Raybon. "The other popular stop is the bus terminal."

The reason the bus terminal is such a popular stop is because of Marines coming from other bases, who arrive on the liberty bus.

"One of the reasons the bus shuttle was created was to offer the Marines transportation to and from work," said Raybon.

The bus route has stops near every barracks. This makes the shuttle easily accessible to all Marines.

One problem that causes fewer Marines to use the shuttle is that it requires time management and planning. The bus system is only convenient for some Marines to use it most of the time.

Many Marines must be at work by 8 a.m. on physical training days. For me, I take the shuttle from Barracks 473 at 7:45 a.m. to Bldg. 1. I arrive at Bldg. 1 at approximately 7:50 a.m.

However, a Marine from Barracks 473 that works down by the DCCS bus stop near Cash Sales would leave bus stop four at 7:45 a.m., and would not get to work until 8:10 a.m. It does not make sense for everyone to use the shuttle with such a time gap between arrival and departure.

So to fix this problem, I suggest we start running both buses again. However, for that to happen people need to show the demand for one bus first. Everyone should go through their command to get the new bus schedule in order to plan appropriately to use the bus

I believe the problem is not with the shuttle, but with the Marines. They either do not know about the shuttle or they would rather have that extra five minutes of sleep and take a cab for \$4.50 minimum. This doesn't make sense.

> Pfc. Keith R. Meikle MCB Public Affairs Office

Street Talk

on T.V."

Lance Cpl. Stevie D. OGuinn, 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG

''Good opportunity for Marines to see the President first hand, as opposed to

Cpl, Wydalis Rennick, H&S Battalion, **MCB**

"This is great for the morale of all servicemembers."



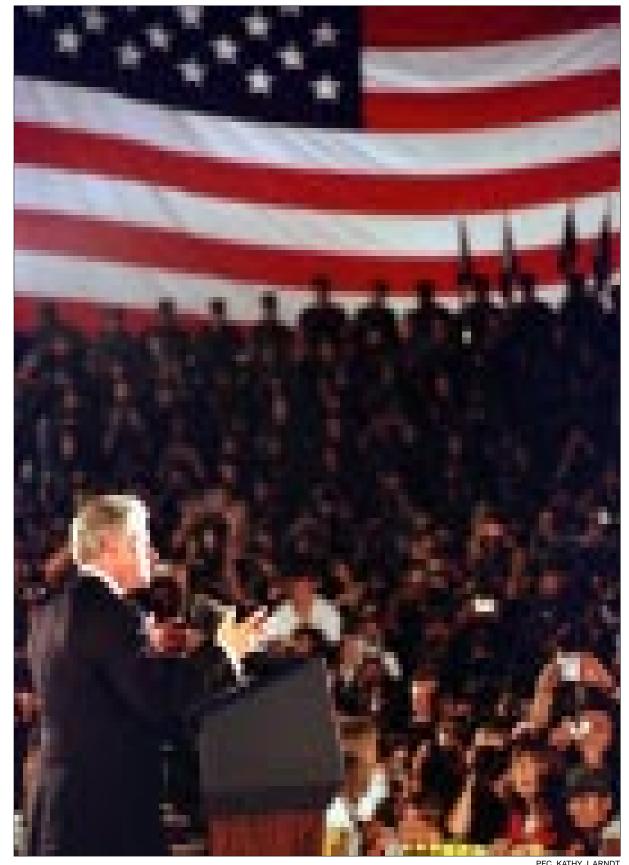
Lance Cpl. Sithat S. Thanasouk, 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG

"The best thing about this is actually seeing the President."

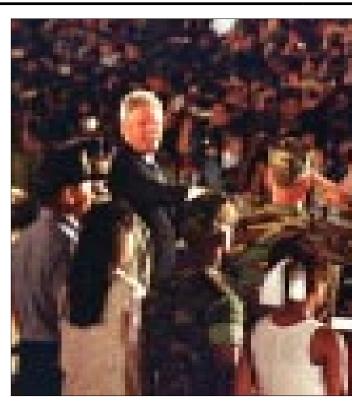
"What do you think about the president's visit during the G-8 Summit?"



"Good opportunity for all services to get together."



President Bill Clinton, who was on the island to take part in the Group of Eight Summit, gives a speech to service members, civilians and family members expressing his gratitude and praise for those serving in the military.



(above) President Clinton receives a warm welcome from the crowd at Camp Foster. The president visited Okinawa, Japan as part of a multinational summit involving the seven leading industrialized nations and Russia. (right) Several thousand service members, civilian employees and their families came out for an MCCS-sponsored barbecue that preceded the president's speech.

(below) President Clinton speaks to service members, civilian employees and family members gathered at Camp Foster. The late hour of the president's arrival didn't prevent thousands from attending the event.



CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS

President speaks at Camp Foster during G-8 Summit

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates

Combat correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Service members from all over Okinawa were able to see and hear the President of the United States during a picnic on the parade field here Saturday.

President Bill Clinton, who was on the island to take part in the Group of Eight Summit, gave a speech to service members, civilians and their families. Prior to his speech, the President also presented the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit with a Meritorious Unit Citation for its actions during operations Southern Watch, Sudden Storm, Desert Fox and Stabilise.

In his address, Clinton expressed his gratitude and praise for those serving in the military.

"In spite of how beautiful Okinawa is, I know you are still a long way from home," said Clinton. "On behalf of every American citizen, I thank you, our soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines and your families, for your service here for the United States."

The President's speech, which was scheduled for the afternoon of July 23, was moved to the evening of the 22nd so that he could return to the U.S. early and help mediate the Middle East peace talks going on at Camp

David.

Neither the late hour of the speech, nor the hot weather deterred the crowds, as several thousand service members and their families attended the event.

Clinton, who was moved by the large audience and called it "the largest crowd I have ever addressed at this late hour," spoke to the service members about their key role in promoting peace in the Pacific theater.

"I don't want you to ever forget and always be proud of what you are doing," said Clinton. "You will never know how many wars you deterred or how many deaths you have prevented, but you know the number of wars that have been fought in these waters since the United States forces have been stationed here. That number is zero."

Clinton also addressed the Okinawan people and the role they play in the U.S. by being able to maintain a presence in this region. He urged service members to remember them as well.

"We know our host in Okinawa have borne a heavy burden - hosting half of our forces in Japan on less than one percent of its' land," said Clinton. "They too have paid a price to preserve the peace, and that is why we need to be good neighbors to them, in addition to being good allies." He also said that each service member has a personal obligation to do everything he or she can to strengthen the friendship between the two nations and to do nothing to harm it. The President also thanked those who performed and organized volunteer activities.

"To those helping with the English language instruction for elementary school children in Okinawa ... our Naval hospital and fire departments working with their counterparts ... and the rest of you who reach out in your own way to schools, orphanages, the hospitals, and to retirement homes, these acts of kindness give a whole new meaning to the old words, 'send in the Marines,'" said Clinton.

The President concluded the speech by telling the service members they were an inspiration to him and he was honored to be their Commander-In-Chief.

"I am profoundly moved by what I have seen and what I see here tonight as I think about the enormous honor I have had for seven-and-a-half years now, to serve as your President, an honor which includes visiting more military units than any other Commander-In-Chief in the history of the republic," said Clinton. "But the most important thing I want to say to you, is that your fellow Americans are proud of you and grateful to you."

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PFC. KATHY J. ARNDT

MCCS sponsors presidential barbecue

Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Approximately 10,000 people came together on the Camp Foster parade field to enjoy a barbecue held in honor of the President's visit to Okinawa.

For the people who attended the event, a free barbecue preceded the President's speech. Children enjoyed the amusement park and their parents tapped their toes to the rhythm of Michael Paulo and his band. The saxophonist helped keep the energy level high while the crowd awaited the President's 11 p.m. arrival.

More than 70 gallons of barbecue sauce covered approximately 1,500 pounds of beef. A half-ton of potato salad and more than 20,000 hamburgers and hotdogs were served by Marine Corps Community Services. Baked beans, pasta salad and other

picnic treats completed the feast laid out on long tables under carnival-style tents.

A miniature amusement park occupied the corner of the parade field. Children bounced and laughed their way through a huge, inflated elephant and slid down a large inflated slide.

For many of the event goers, the barbecue was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the President.

"I realized this was probably the only opportunity I would ever have to see the President in person," said Lance Cpl. Devin Mitchell, legal clerk, Staff Judge Advocate Office, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base. "Plus, who could resist free food?"

Although the President arrived late in the evening, the crowd was not bothered.

"I don't mind that he arrived so late," said Sgt. Cory Jeffers, radio repair chief, Marine Wing Communications Squadron-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "I'm just glad he made the time to come down and see his troops."

In addition to the music, food and funrides, those attending the G-8 Summit barbecue were serenaded by the III Marine Expeditionary Force Band. A static display by the 353rd Special Operations Group also provided a way to pass the time before the highlight of the evening.

As the President and his daughter, Chelsea, made their way into the spotlight and on to the stage backed by dignitaries and VIP guests, the crowd erupted with

The President told the Camp Foster crowd that the evening spent with them improved his outlook and re-motivated him as he returned to mediate the peace talks ongoing at Camp David, Maryland.



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A Marine chows down at the MCCS barbecue before the President's visit.



e) Service members showed off their unit colors during the President's visit.) President Bill Clinton talks with Lt. Gen. Earl B. Hailston, commanding general, rine Expeditionary Force during the Commander-In-Chief's visit to Camp Foster.



CPL. CHAD C. ADAMS

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GUNNERY SGT. MARK A. ZEID

Hidekazu Oshiro (left), translator, G-5, Marine Corps Base, answers questions for Asahi Shimbun reporters, Yasuyoshi Chiba (center) and Tetsuya Kumagai (right).

International media tour Marine Corps facilities

Gunnery Sgt. Mark A. Zeid

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

CAMP SCHWAB — Media representatives from all over the world came to Okinawa, Japan for the G-8 Summit July 21-23.

During the visit, almost 200 media personnel participated in a week-long media event that provided special tours here and at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

The tours began with a presentation by Col. David P. Rann, assistant chief of staff, G-8, Marine Corps Base. In the briefing, Rann explained the importance of U.S. forces on Okinawa and the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. He pointed out how these forces brought security and stability to Asia.

During the briefing, Rann highlighted Okinawa's strategic position.

"If the Okinawa Marines and their equipment were based in the U.S.," said Rann, "more than 5,000 aircraft flights would be required to move them to the Pacific Theater."

Rann explained how hard the Marines Corps works at being good neighbors, as well as allies. He also talked about the various Marine Corps programs such as, protection of the environment, community action and the Liberty Campaign Plan.

After the briefing, reporters visited a special dis-

play of equipment used by various units on Okinawa. The press closely examined the equipment and asked questions.

Ayaka Shimada from Fuji TV Japan was one of the first reporters to tour the display and meet the Marines.

"I think it's a good opportunity for the press to

get to know more about the Marines," said Shimada, who also commented how useful it was to actually hold and see the equipment in use.

For Reuter's reporter, Jon Herskovitz, the visit was a chance to see the places they have been reporting on.

"At a time when so many reporters have covered Okinawa in terms of the U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship and are coming for the G-8 Summit, it's a good thing to show them the bases, so they can actually see what they have been writing about," stated Herskovitz.

Many of the Marines welcomed the chance to showcase their special skills and their equipment.

"I think it's a really good opportunity for the Japanese to come see what the Marine Corps is all about and why we are here," said 26-year-old Sgt. Glenn E.

Fuji TV Tokyo reporter Ayaka Shimada interviews Capt. Michael B. Mullins, pilot. Helicopter Marine Heavy Squadron-466. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Fuji TV Tokyo reporter Ayaka Shimada interviews Capt. Michael B. Mullins, pilot, Helicopter Marine Heavy Squadron-466, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, about the CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter.

Singer, Light Armored Vehicle driver, Company C, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. "I think it's a good opportunity for the Japanese media to find out more about the Marine Corps' mission here."

The week ended with a special tour to the Jungle Warfare Training Center on Saturday. More than 30 media reporters watched Marines practice jungle warfare tactics using the chalk marking rounds from the Special Effects Small Arms Marking System. The reporters also joined them in rappelling off a cliff. They finished the tour by eating a Meal Ready to Eat and taking a helicopter ride back to Camp Schwab.

"It was exceptional, especially the Marines in the field," said Rann. "It gave us a chance to touch the rest of the world with what our Marines are doing here."

Marine Helicopter Squadron One arrives on Okinawa

Cpl. Chad C. Adams

Combat Correspondent

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA— The images are timeless. Whether it's on an old, faded, clicking newsreel or a modern digitized satellite transmission, it's always the same. The President of the United States climbs out of the helicopter onto the Whitehouse lawn as he acknowledges the salute of a Marine in dress blues.

Since Dwight D. Eisenhower, many men have debarked from that aircraft; however, one part of the image remains constant – the President steps out of Marine One.

Marine Helicopter Squadron One landed here recently in support of President Clinton's participation in the G-8 Summit.

The squadron, which also transports the vice president, cabinet members and foreign dignitaries, supports the Commander-in-Chief at every location throughout the world, according to Maj. Brent Hearn, safety officer, HMX-1.

"Most people realize the prestige and responsibilities in transporting the President of the United States," Hearn said.

Besides this unique and prestigious responsibility, HMX-1 is also charged with supporting Headquarters Marine Corps, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) in the development and testing of new helicopter technology and tactics.

However, their number one mission is transporting the President. While utilizing Air Force One for longer flights, a Marine One detachment is waiting on the ground, ready to airlift the President when needed.

On a routine trip to New York City, the President would travel from the south lawn at the Whitehouse to Andrews Air Force Base aboard Marine One. After a quick jaunt aboard Air Force One, the Commander-in-Chief would continue his travel aboard another HMX-1 helicopter staged in New York, which would carry



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Marine Helicopter Squadron One arrived at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma recently in support of the President's participation in the G-8 Summit.

the President into the city.

Service with HMX-1 is a duty shared by approximately 700 Marines employed in a wide range of military occupational specialties including pilots, crew chiefs, mechanics, communicators, supply/fiscal personnel, military policemen and dog handlers.

Books donated to Amer-Asian School; increases reading skills

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Webb

Combat Correspondent

GINOWAN — Marines, Sailors and civilians joined together to help students at the Amer-Asian School increase their reading skills, July 17.

Eight vans filled with 3,500 used books donated by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, were given to the children in a ceremony in front of the four-room schoolhouse by Robert S. Luke, U.S. consul

Five mothers started the school two years ago because they were not happy about the way their children were treated in the Japanese school system, according to Linda L. Bate, assistant principal, Amer-Asian School.

"They were not pleased with what was happening with their children emotionally," said Bate. "Many of the children that start here were born in the U.S. Through divorce, many of their mothers have come back to Okinawa, so the children have been thrown into a new society because they are essentially American kids. A lot of them don't understand the language or culture, so it's been tough on the kids."

Before the school was started, Amer-Asians had to attend Japanese schools or not go to school at all. For the English-speaking children, attending Japanese schools presented a problem. The children were reading Japanese at a lower level than their fluent Japanese counterparts, according to Bate.

Because the school is limited on funds and equipment, it relies on tuition and donations to keep it going.

"A school must first have facilities, but the second issue is content," said Seikoh Higa, mayor of Ginowan City during a speech. "The content is starting to be addressed with the presentation of these books."

The Marines and Sailors from 3rd Force Service Support Group and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma helped make the ceremony possible by using their off-duty time to deliver the books.

The Amer-Asian School of Okinawa is constantly adding new students now that the word is out about an alternative to the Japanese schools. They have tripled their enrollment from their first year and have been recently recognized by the Japanese government as an op-



U.S. Consul General Robert S. Luke presents a book to two students during a ceremony at the Amer-Asian school July 17. Eight vans filled with 3,500 used books donated by the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, were given to the children in a ceremony in front of the four-room schoolhouse.

tion to regular schooling.

In the future, the school plans to relocate to a larger facility with the help of the Japanese government.

For information on how to help the school with donations of teaching supplies, books or volunteer work call 098-

Advanced CPR course teaches lifesaving skills for professionals

Pfc. Damian McGee

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Saving a life often requires more than a phone call to 911. In many life-threatening emergencies, immediate action is necessary. Unfortunately, some people may not be prepared to handle such emergencies. For students of the Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation for the Professional Rescuer course, handling an emergency may become easier.

The eight-hour CPRPR course is offered throughout the year to train lifeguards in the proper procedures of CPR.

"The class teaches an advanced level of life saving," said Shawn Curtis, Assistant Aquatics Program Manager, Marine Corps Community Services. "It is a step above a basic CPR skills class ... it is the most advanced course offered by the Red Cross."

For others it was a yearly refresher course required by law. The course has already proven itself valuable to many of its participants.

"Every year I've had to use my CPR," said Tiffany McPherson, a recent graduate of Kubasaki High School. Everyone should know the basics of CPR, because accidents can happen anytime and anywhere, according to McPherson.

McPherson knows first-hand the importance of knowing CPR. At a family dinner, McPherson saved her 6month-old sister's life when she began choking.

"The important thing to remember in these situations is to remain calm," said McPherson. "I like taking this class for the comfort it gives me when dealing with something like this."

In addition to CPR, the course provides instruction on the proper procedures of lifeguarding and first aid.

"This class gives students the skill and know how

they need to save a life in an aquatic environment," said Curtis.

When teaching the course, Curtis corrects the misconceptions many people have about lifeguarding.

"The importance of being a professional lifeguard is no longer about fun in the sun, but being responsible for saving a life on any given day," said Curtis.

The course has an \$80 fee, which includes textbooks and the necessary equipment to complete the class. The minimum age to register for the program is 15.

For more information or to register for an upcoming class contact MCCS Semper Fit Aquatics at 645-3180, 645-2787.





Joanna Bartz, a Kubasaki High School student, practices proper CPR techniques during the advanced course.

Ashley Stewart (left) and Heather McPherson apply CPR techniques on an infant dummy.

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New York native bridge between Okinawan, military community

Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

NAGO CITY — The roads around Nago City wind and narrow as the white Toyota Corolla makes its way into the mountains. For drivers unfamiliar with two-way traffic on single-lane roads in Okinawa, just staying in motion is more of a challenge than not getting lost.

But for Dr. Caroline Latham, the narrow roads bordered by sugar cane and goat farms, are the pathways home.

Latham, a New York native, lives in an apartment in Nago City, near Meio University where she teaches English courses. When she is not busy in the classroom she works to share what she has learned about Okinawa with U.S. service members.

"I first came here 20 years ago," she said, maneuvering the car up a pitted, grassy lane. "I've been here six and a half years this time around. Twenty years ago, I was the first visiting foreign professor at the Ryukyu National University. I helped establish the English program

Much like the meandering roads of northern Okinawa, Latham's life has taken her in many directions. In the time she has spent away from Okinawa, Latham has taught in countries around the globe, including Indonesia, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Latham mimics her life-story in her conversations, frequently changing subjects and interjecting tidbits of extraneous information.

"Did you know the National University was originally located where the Shuri Castle ruins were?" she said. "The main building of the university used to be right where Shuri Castle was before the war."

After parking her car, Latham begins to talk about her life before visiting Okinawa for the first time.

"I was a volunteer English teacher in Austria during the Czech uprising in '68." she said, stepping out of the car into the humid blanket of an Okinawan afternoon. "At that time I still wanted to be a doctor and work with Albert Schweitzer."

Doctor Albert Schweitzer was a Nobel Peace Prize winning philosopher, humanitarian and physician.

Latham earned the title 'doctor' at

Michigan State University, but not in the same field as Schweitzer. Her doctorate in English has called her to Okinawa twice. Her love of the Okinawans and the challenges of living on the island, keep

"The cultural and language differences keep you on your toes," she said, moving to the back of the car.

Juggling bags and baskets gathered from the back seat, she bumps the car door shut with her hip.

"This goes to the house and this goes in the trunk. I just hope it fits," she said, opening the trunk. A roll of publicity photos slides into a bag with a tropical patterned shirt that designates her as a G-8 Summit volunteer. A shopping bag settles into a corner between a bag of cat food and a can of chunky-style dog food.

Although an array of pet food litters the trunk, Latham doesn't have any pets

"I feed strays," she said, closing the trunk. The tail of her hand-dyed indigo blouse narrowly misses being bitten by the trunk lid. She grabs a hand-woven basket and G-8 Summit posters off of the roof of the car before heading towards the wood-framed home nestled into the hill-

"I don't actually live here," she said, carrying the parcels to the back door of

"I use this mostly to entertain visitors to my classes," she said, disappearing into the house. "The owners want it to be kept pretty traditional."

Traditional tatami mats, hand-woven baskets and a shamisen made from a cookie can, help create an eclectic Okinawan interior.

"I play shamisen," she said, setting the basket on a long, low table with the rest of her collection of Okinawan baskets and

Crossing the room to the shamisen hanging on the wall, she tickles the strings of the banjo-like instrument. In her spare time, Latham performs Okinawan folk music with local artisans. From these performances, she has come to know many musicians and other artists in the area.

"This area has such a great number of artists," she said. "Potters, weavers, painters, glass blowers, indigo dyers, wood carvers, etc. I've coined a new description for the area. I call it the 'Santa Fe of

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Dr. Caroline Latham enjoys an afternoon at an Okinawan coffeshop, located near Nago City and operated by Latham's friends, the Miyagi's.

Okinawa."

Latham refers to Santa Fe, New Mexico and the community of artists that attract tourists to the area. Similar to the artists found near Motobu and Nago City, the artists living in Santa Fe create handdyed clothing, Native American jewelry, pottery and paintings.

"Did you know that indigo just looks like a regular green plant, but if you break it off in your hand and you are sweating a little, your hand turns blue," she said, once again thumbing through the pages of miscellaneous tidbits she has collected in her mind. "It needs the moisture. When they turn the plants into dye, they cook it down in water."

Having stored her packages, Latham locks the door to the country-home and returns to her car. Getting into her car, Latham begins to talk about how she became a bridge between U.S. service members and the Okinawan community.

About four years ago, Latham said she saw a trend in negative press directed towards U.S. military stationed on

"The U.S. military was getting nothing but negative press," said Latham, starting the car. "Okinawans seemed to think all military members were monsters. I wanted my students, who are primarily Okinawan and Japanese, to meet some military members and get to know them as human beings, to find out they are generally good people."

The negative press prompted Latham to initiate an intercultural exchange program with Camp Schwab and Camp Hansen. The program began nearly four

The program introduces Okinawan college students to U.S. service members. It helps the students develop their language skills and works to improve the relationship between the Okinawan community and U.S. military.

Latham thanks the military volunteers that visit her classroom by sharing some of the knowledge she has gained during her stays in Okinawa. She shows the Marines and Sailors a slice of Okinawa that cannot be found within a military installation.

"Some of the Americans rarely venture off base because they fear the unknown or not being able to communicate," Latham said, guiding the Corolla back down the grassy path and onto the main road. "Or, if they go off base, many head for the safety of the bar because the word 'beer' is almost the same in Japanese. Unless the military person is highly motivated to learn about Okinawa and its long and interesting history, they never

really get a taste of Okinawa and what makes it special."

As the Okinawan fruit belt rolls by, Latham drives with her right hand and uses her left hand to pat her face with a tissue. Just a block away from the country home, the car slides into a parking spot outside a white, two-story cottage. A flock of shisa-dogs perch along the eaves, standing guard over the cottage that houses the Miyagi family and their cof-

"I wonder where Tiger is," Latham said, stepping from the car. Tiger is the Miyagi family's dog. "He usually comes running when I pull up because he recognizes the sound of my car."

As she walks up to the door of the coffeehouse, people greet her with smiles and

Latham responds in simple, selftaught Japanese. To the doctor, the Miyagi's are more than landlords; they are old friends.

Latham takes a seat at a table on the second floor and orders the Okinawan versions of quiche' and ice cream. Mrs. Miyagi brings glasses of freshly squeezed mountain plum and cucumber-tasting bitter gourd juice to the table. Latham and the slight Okinawan lady discuss a recent article about Latham, printed in a Japanese paper. The article explores Latham's shamisen talents and her community re-

"These people are wonderful," she said as Mrs. Miyagi tiptoes down the stairs. "Mr. Miyagi's garden is famous. It has been featured on many European television shows. I think he specifically planted flowers that attract the butterflies. I've never seen so many butterflies anywhere else on the island."

The coffeehouse is one of the places Latham often brings the service members who visit her classes. She enjoys introducing Americans to the local artists and the beautiful mountaintop shops.

"Nearly all of the artists have, in addition to their workshops, lovely coffee shops or restaurants situated in picturesque locations on mountaintops, surrounded by lush vegetation," said Latham, twisting the Hello Kitty bracelet on her wrist. "Many of the Americans I bring here say, 'now this is how I pictured Okinawa'."

Sipping from a glass of bitter gourd juice, Latham looks out at the Miyagi's garden as the sun turns the flowers and the butterflies into bits of fluttering gold.

"These are the things you would never see back home, in the states," said Latham. "It would be a shame to let so many people miss this."

Dr. Latham holds an ice tea service at one of the Okinawan restaurants she likes to take visitors to. The restaurant's name means "a place where people can touch flowers." The ice tea is served on a clay plate featuring a tiny handmade vase holding fresh wild flowers and a small dish of raw sugar candy, an Okinawan

favorite.





PFC. KEITH R. MEIKLE

Three Marines build, fix and maintain their cars for the next race.

Remote Control Car Club takes off

Pfc. Keith R. Meikle

Combat Correspondent

KADENA AIR BASE — Many people may believe remote control cars are just for children, but the Remote Control Car Club here proves them wrong.

The RCCC gives the racing fan an opportunity to get in the sport rather than watch it.

"Remote control car racing is the only kind of legal racing available on the island," said Kelly A. Brott, RCCC treasurer and racer.

The RCCC offers gas and electric car races at Chibana Recreation Area just outside Kadena Gate 3.



PFC. KEITH R. MEIKLE

Routine preventive maintenance is done on the remote control cars.

The entry fee for the races is \$5 and guarantees every racer at least three practice races and one main race.

"If you win your main races, then you could race up to eight times and have a chance at the \$15 prize for 1st place," said Tim D. Brott, new RCCC president.

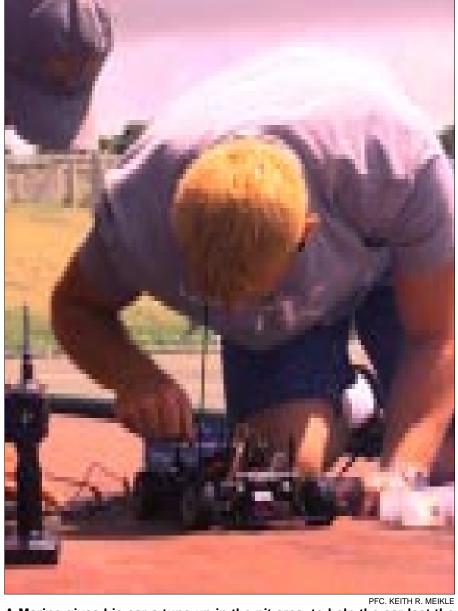
Races for electric cars are on the 4th Sunday of each month. Gas car races are on the 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday of each month.

"As we get more interest in the electric cars, we may race more," said Tim Brott.

Because electric cars have a maximum speed of 20 mph, they are less popular with club members, according to Tim Brott. However, electric cars are much more cost efficient.

The gas-operated cars reach speeds of 45 mph, but the disadvantage is the cost of gas, which is about \$50 a gallon.

For novices, getting started in remote control cars can be expensive. The average cost of an electric car and all materials needed to start racing is about \$250. The cost of a gas car and starting materials can reach more than \$350. According to Ron A. Nason, track maintenance manager and racer, cars can easily be purchased online,



A Marine gives his car a tune-up in the pit area, to help the car last the rest of the race.

or at one of the local hobby shops.

"The club members make it easy for beginners by helping them with their cars," said Kelly Brott.

"Sometimes it seems like these guys like working on the cars as much as racing them," said Kelly Brott.

Phil Hutchins started the club in May 1998 as a hobby. Tim Brott is trying to create new ideas to attract new racers to the club. One idea is to start racing offroad cars and trucks. They need more members interested in this style of racing to have an off-road race day. Tim Brott is

also trying out a novice class for new racers to learn how to start and maintain a remote control car.

The club is scheduled to offer a novice class Aug. 19 at Chibana Recreation Area.

The club presently has 37 members, including Marines, airmen and Okinawan racers.

"We are looking for more military members to come out, race and just have fun," said Tim Brott.

For more information about joining the club, contact Tim or Kelly Brott at 633-3074, or Ron Nason 633-1334.

Marines dominate G-8 volleyball tournament

Pfc. Keith R. Meikle

Combat Correspondent

CAMP FOSTER — Marines have always been called America's number one fighting force and have been known for carrying this mentality into everything they do. This was very evident in the G-8 Summit volleyball tournament.

Both the men and women's teams refused to accept defeat on their own court. The men's team, putting on the best performance of the entire tournament, managed to make it to the championships after only losing one game.

The Marines started out slowly with a 25-22 victory in their first set and quickly picked up their second victory, 25-15, over the Kadena team in the first round. Despite their impressive performance in their first match the Marine team, after winning their first match 25-19, suffered their first and only loss in the entire tournament

The Navy surprised the Marine team in the second game of their match with a 25-20 victory. The Marine team quickly

rebounded back and took the tie-breaking game with a 15-11 victory.

"The Navy came out and was very competitive. I was surprised because they didn't really have any individual talent, yet they pulled together and played very scrappy and defensively to make the games pretty tight," said Peter D. Jones, men's captain and women's coach.

After entering the losing bracket, both the Navy and Air Force battled it out to see who would get a second chance at the Marine team. The Air Force came up victorious and had a second chance at the undefeated Marine team.

The Marine team had no problem showing why they were undefeated with a 25-17 win in the first match of the championship. The Air Force, however, was not ready to call it quits.

With the most controversial refereeing seen in the men's bracket as the Air Force team put up the most difficult fight the Marines had faced throughout the entire tournament. But, it wasn't enough. The Marines squeezed by the Air Force with a 27-25 victory and took the cham-

pionship.

"I did not argue with the official so much about what they missed, but how they interpreted the rules. Also his decision to call a replay based on what he thought happened," said Jones.

The women's team, while still finishing on top, didn't have it as easy as the men.

The women's team opened up with a quick 25-13 over the Kadena team, but the tables turned in the second and third set with Kadena winning 26-24 and 15-12.

The Women's team took their defeat and went on to meet the Navy where they quickly redeemed themselves with two 25-13 victories, enabling them a chance to meet with Kadena again in the Championship game.

At this point, the Marine women's team was in a difficult position. Having already lost one match to the Air Force team, they would have to win two matches to take the Championship.

The women's team showed extreme determination in their hunt for the title

winning the first match 26-24 and 25-14.

Despite the loss, Kadena was not ready to let their championship go just yet. The Air Force came back with a very powerful game, winning the first set 25-22, but the Marines had their minds on one thing ... the championship.

"We never let ourselves get down when the scoreboard indicated otherwise. I just kept telling them 'we are not losing we are just behind'," said Jones.

In the second set the Marine team destroyed the Air Force 25-12 and was in a tiebreak situation that would decide the overall champion.

The final set started off slowly until the Kadena team went on a 9-3 run. The Marine team quickly regrouped and took the score to 10-9 with Kadena still on top by one. Then the Marines finished with a 16-3 run to force a tiebreaker. The Marine team would not lose this tiebreaker as they rushed to a 15-13 victory and upset the Kadena team.

"It was really our cohesiveness that won it for us. We really played like a unit in control," said Jones. 8 OKINAWA MARINE CLASSIFIED

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1988 Nissan Bluebird — JCI Aug 00, \$400. Lt.Col. Taylor, 622-9289.

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1990 Nissan Cefiro — JCI May 01, \$2,500. Rick or Jennifer, 633-6176.

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1989 Nissan Sylvia — JCI Oct 01, \$2,500 OBO. 964-4907.

1989 Honda VF750F, — JCl Jan 03, \$1,700 OBO. Nathan, 637-3483.

1987 Nissan Bluebird — JCI Mar 01, \$700 OBO. 636-4842 or 636-3845.

1989 Toyota Levin — JCl Aug 00, \$250 OBO. **1986 Nissan Sunny**—JCl Nov 01, \$200. 622-9271.

1997 Harley Davidson — JCI 02, \$16,800.645-8058 or 090-8412-3926. **1989 Nissan Skyline** — \$4,300.646-6460.

1995 Toyota Aristo — \$9,000. **1993 Prelude** — \$3,900. Ryan, 930-0417. **1989 Nissan Skyline** — JCl Apr 02, \$4,200. 646-6460 or 636-2770.

1988 Toyota Camry — JCl Jan 02, \$700 OBO. **1984 Toyota Hi Ace**— JCl Nov 00, \$1,500. 645-7379.

1989 Toyota Corrolla — JCI Dec 00, \$700 OBO. Pat 646-4139.

1987 Toyota Cresta — JCI Dec 00, \$400 OBO. Anthony, 622-6111.

1989 Honda Accord — JCI Jan 02, \$1,250, 645-5579 or 645-7330.

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Miscellaneous

Misc. — Whirlpool washer, \$275; dryer, \$225; computer station w/ desk, \$50; living room carpet, \$40. 957-1699, 090-1081-0880.

Misc. — Two JL Base speakers in box, \$200; Kenwood 10" base speaker, \$45; Sony XM 6020 Power Amp, \$75; JVC CD player, \$75; Pioneer 220w 6x9 speakers, \$45. 633-0148.

Chevy parts — Edelbrock big block tunnel ram, \$125; small block performer RPM manifold, \$75; small block Chevy world heads 202/160, \$400; camshafts, springs and extras. 633-0148.

Printer — HP DeskJet printer 660C, \$50. Greg, 646-8421.

Digital camera — Panasonic digital camera, still under warranty, \$500. Paul, 645-3851.

Misc. — Four 205/60-15 inch after market tires and rims, \$300 OBO. Keith, 623-4829, or 090-9569-6264.

Free Dog — Male Golden Retriever free to good home. 090-9658-6149. Uniforms — Blue trousers, green trousers, blue coats. Paul, 645-3919. Misc. — Complete set of golf clubs, irons, drivers, bag and more. Custom mens nine ball ring, 14k gold, size 12. Scott, 645-6921.

Car Seat — Evenflo Discovery infant car seat, \$30. 646-4043.

Transformers — 1000 watt, \$60; 500 watt, \$30. 633-2962 or 644-5360.

Misc. — Carpets and plants, best offer. 645-7379 or 645-1629.

Printer — IBM-PS1 dotmatrix B/W printer, \$25. 646-6460 or 636-2770.

Scuba Gear — Women's Sherwood Luna BCD, \$280; Sherwood regulator set, \$320. Melissa, 926-2184.

Furniture — Tan leather loveseat, \$200. Scott, 936-5994.

Table — Kids game table, \$90. 646-8834.

Parakeet — Blue Parakeet with cage and food, free to good home. 637-6803

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Fri Perfect Storm (PG13);
7:00, 10:00

Sat Flintstones Viva Rock
Vegas (G); 1:00, 4:00

Sat Perfect Storm (PG13);
7:00, 10:00

Sun Flintstones Viva Rock

Sun Flintstones Viva Rock Vegas (G); 1:00 Sun The Kid (PG13); 4:00

Sun Held Up (PG13); 7:00 Mon The Kid (PG13); 7:00 Tue The Kid (PG13); 1:00,

Wed Battlefield Earth (PG13); 7:00
Thu Bekemen (C): 1:00

Thu Pokemon (G); 1:00 Thu X-Men (PG13); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri Prince of Egypt (G); 2:00
Fri Erin Brockovich (R); 7:00
Sat Held Up (PG13); 7:00
Sun X-Men (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed

Tue Closed
Wed Pokemon (G); 2:00
Wed Where the Heart Is

ed Where the Heart Is (PG13); 7:00

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri Romeo Must Die (R); 7:30

Sat Where the Heart Is (PG13); 7:30

Wed

Sun Reindeer Games (R);

Mon Erin Brockovich (R); 7:30 Tue Closed

Hansen (623-4564)

X-Men (PG13); 7:30

Fri Me, Myself and Irene (R) Sat Me, Myself and Irene (R) Sun Drowning Mona (PG13)

Mon Held Up (PG13)

Tue Held Up (PG13)

Wed Battlefield Earth (PG13)

Thu Battlefield Earth (PG13)

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Keystone (634-1869)

Fri Flintstones Viva Rock
Vegas (PG); 6:30, 9:30
Sat Chicken Run (G); 1:00
Sat Battlefield Earth (PG13);
5:30, 8:30
Sun Chicken Run (G); 1:00
Sun Where the Heart Is
(PG13); 5:30, 8:30
Mon X-Men (PG13): 7:00

(PG13); 5:30, 8:30 Mon X-Men (PG13); 7:00 Tue Held Up (PG13); 7:00 Wed Held Up (PG13); 7:00 Thu Perfect Storm (PG13);

7:00

Kinser (637-2177)

Fri Held Up (PG13); 7:00 Sat X-Men (PG13); 3:00 Sat Held Up (PG13); 7:00, 11:30

Sun Battlefield Earth (PG13); 7:00

Mon Closed Tue Where

Tue Where the Heart Is (PG13); 7:00
Wed Held Up (PG13); 7:00
Thu Where the Heart Is

(PG13); 7:00

Schwab (625-2333)

Frequency (PG13) Fri Erin Brockovich (R) Sat Sat Frequency (PG13) Sun High Fidelity (PG13) The Skulls (R) Sun Mon Frequency (PG13) X-Men (PG13) Tue Wed Perfect Storm (PG13) Call Schwab for start times